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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following documents:

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These documents are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate) and copies are enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that these documents be: (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants request that a copy of Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialized by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this
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Respectfully submitted,



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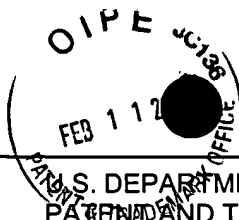
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